

Application No. 10/508,955
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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15, 16, 19-22 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 4-9, 13, 14, 17, and 18 have been canceled. Claims 23-28 have been added. The support for the amendments to the claims and new claims is in the published specification as follows: Claims 1 and 10: ([0025], [0028]); Claims 23 and 24: ([0034]); Claims 25 and 26: ([0025]); and Claims 27 and 28: ([0029]). No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to disclose plural applicator rollers which form an adhesive layer by laminating plural coatings of a hot melt adhesive. Furthermore, one of the applicator rollers has a surface made of a material which reduces slipping. These characteristics, which can achieve excellent effects, are neither taught nor suggested in the cited references. For example, when an adhesive layer is formed by applying a plurality of coatings of a hot melt adhesive, it is possible to prevent roughness and irregularities such as coating unevenness and pinholes and to obtain a smooth adhesive layer. The reason is that the thickness of the adhesive layer applied in a single coating can be reduced by conducting the plural coatings, and plural laminated adhesive layers can form an adhesive layer which has little irregularities.

New Claims 25 and 26 disclose the material of the applicator roller. The characteristic, which can achieve excellent effects, is neither taught nor suggested in the cited references. For example, when at least one of the applicator rollers has the surface of rubber, it enables close tracking of surface contours even for a substrates which has indentations and varying thickness, and a uniform coating of an adhesive easy can be formed.

New Claims 27 and 28 disclose the thickness of the adhesive layer and the speed reduction ratio. The characteristics, which can achieve excellent effects, are neither taught nor suggested in the cited references. For example, when the coating quantity of the adhesive layer is small, roughening of the layer can be reduced, and the adhesive layer can be formed smoothly. These characteristics of the claims are neither taught nor suggested in cited references.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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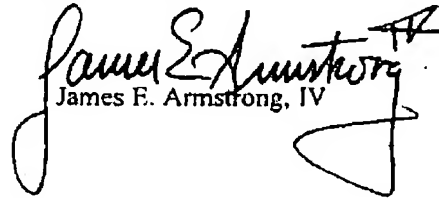
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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